

FE analysis of monopiles – advanced modelling of soil structure interaction

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- 1. Detailed design requirements.
- 2. FE analysis to optimise monopiles
- 3. Geotechnical modelling of pore pressure build up around monopiles under cyclic loading.
- 4. Design considerations for monopiles in seismic regions



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Broad & Deep Industry **Experience** Feedback loops Strong Relevant **Track Record** Automate Simplify Optimise

What's needed for detailed design?

Tailor-Made Teams Integrated understanding between disciplines and holistic approach Seamless Integrated Approach OEMs Installers Designers Developers Certifiers SHAPE A BETTER WORLD Arup Offshore Wind – Design Capabilities







Finite element analysis to optimise monopiles

NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS



Enabling high D/t ratios through advanced, automated installation and in-service buckling analysis using non-linear FE





FE analysis of driving installation scenarios





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FE analysis of driving installation scenarios





Ringing assessment during detailed design



Base moment time history

Wave structure analysis





Other FE applications

Strengthening of MP grouted connections



Validating research on large anulus grouted connections





Pile buckling during driving





Geotechnical modelling of pore pressure build up around monopiles under cyclic loading

CYCLIC DEGRADATION



Soil model development

We develop, verify and validate our own material models (in-house)





3D finite element analysis to develop nonlinear soil springs





Project-specific (p-y) & $(m-\theta)$ curves

Modelling of monopiles under cyclic loading



Cyclic loading of monopiles





Excess pore pressure generation in soil around pile due to cyclic loading Modelling of monopiles under cyclic loading



Cyclic stiffness of soil

- Key behaviour of soil during cyclic loading: as it undergoes shear strain, its shear stiffness G_0 reduces.
- Degradation curves of G₀ vs shear strain have been suggested by various authors
- Various methodologies are available for calculating G₀, however the best methodology is that using shear wave velocity from shear wave testing.

 $G_0 = \rho(v_s)^2$

Degradation curves of G_0 vs shear strain suggested by Seed and Idriss 1970 for sands.



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Determining cyclic degradation



Apply loading **Review results** model to a Develop a and determine loading model a cyclic loading foundation methodology model



Design considerations for monopiles in seismic regions

SEISMIC DESIGN BASIS

Seismic design basis

DNV-GL



Loads and site conditions for wind turbines

Support structures for wind turbines





ISO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD 19902 BS EN ISO 19901-2:2017 **BSI Standards Publication** Petroleum and natural gas industries - Specific requirements for offshore structures Part 2: Seismic design procedures and criteria (ISO 19901-2:2017) bsi.

ISO

Seismic design procedures and criteria Fixed steel offshore structures



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Seismic design basis

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY -
A Probabilistic Estimate of Maximum Acceleration in Rock
in the Contiguous United States
by
S. T. Algermissen and David M. Perkins
U.S. Geological Survey
Open-File Report 76-416
1976
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332318
This report is preliminary and has not been
Geological Survey standards.

Algermissen & Perkins (1976)

The first probabilistic hazard maps for the US; Uses 475-year return period based on 50-year 'design life' and 10% probability of exceedance " The return period of 475 years

was the result of selecting 50 years as the exposure period, although it was acknowledged that 'the use of a 50-year interval to characterize the probability is a rather arbitrary convenience, and does not imply that all buildings are thought to have a design life of 50 years' (ATC, 1978). Algermissen and Perkins [38] stated that 'for structures which should remain operable after large, damaging earthquakes, the 10% exceedance probability in 50 years seems reasonable', although the choice of 10% was adopted on the rather arbitrary basis of being a significance level often taken by statisticians 'to be meaningful' [39]. "

Bommer & Pinho (2006)

i.e., the 475-year return period used in building codes all over the world, and referred to by DNV-GL and IEC standards and Eurocode 8 is:

- arbitrary
- not calibrated for use in offshore wind applications
- in building applications, associated with 'life safety' performance and heavy structural damage

Seismic design basis

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Loads and site conditions for wind turbines

Support structures for wind turbines

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IEC Wind energy generation systems Part 1: Design requirements Part 3-1: Design requirements for fixed offshore wind turbines

ISO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD 19902 Two-level design check: Ultimate limit state (ULS) under Extreme Level Earthquake $(ELE) \rightarrow$ "no significant structural damage" Abnormal limit state (ALS) under Abnormal Level Earthquake (ALE) \rightarrow "*the* structure and foundation... [can] sustain large inelastic displacement reversals without complete loss of integrity, although structural damage can occur"

ISO

Seismic design procedures and criteria Fixed steel offshore structures Seismic design basis

ISO 19901-2: Seismic design requirements based on seismic risk

Table 1 — Site seismic zone

S _{a,map} (1,0)	<0,03 g	0,03 g to 0,10 g	0,11 g to 0,25 g	0,26 g to 0,45 g	>0,45 g
Seismic zone	0	1	2	3	4

Table 2 — Target annual probability of failure, P_{f}

Exposure level	Pf
L1	4 × 10 ⁻⁴ = 1/2 500
L2	1 × 10-3 = 1/1 000
L3	2,5 × 10 ⁻³ = 1/400

"high environmental and/or economic consequences"

Table 3 — Seismic risk category, SRC

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Site seisinic zone	L1	L2	L3
0	SRC 1	SRC 1	SRC 1
1	SRC 3	SRC 2	SRC 2
2	SRC 4	SRC 2	SRC 2
3	SRC 4	SRC 3	SRC 2
4	SRC 4	SRC 4	SRC 3

Table 4 — Seismic design requirements

SRC	Seismic action procedure	Evaluation of seismic activity	Non-linear ALE analysis
1	None	None	None
2	Simplified	ISO maps or regional maps	Permitted
2.	Simplified	Site-specific, ISO maps or regional maps	Recommended
24	Detailed	Site-specific	Recommended
4	Detailed	Site-specific	Required

→ Non-linear finite element analysis

→ Probabilistic seismic hazard assessment (PSHA)

Abnormal Level Earthquake (ALE) based on target annual probability of failure.

For exposure level L1, typically ALE ~ 3000–4000 years

Extreme Level Earthquake (ELE) evaluated based on the anticipated margin between "*little or no damage*" and "*major failure*" – around 2.0 for monopile design and up to 2.8 for jacket design; requires nonlinear analysis to calibrate.

Therefore, L1 typically ELE ~ 400-800 years (monopiles)

→ ISO 19901-2 design anchored on life safety ALE check – appropriate for offshore oil & gas applications but less relevant for offshore wind.

Design considerations for monopiles in seismic regions

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT MONOPILE WITH LIQUEFIABLE SOILS

Evaluation of liquefaction potential

FS >> 1 Liquefaction unlikely, all good

FS < 1 Liquefaction probable, what next?

Research & development monopile with liquefiable soils

Validation of constitutive model - SANISAND

Based on the works by Dafalias & Manzari (2004), Dafalias, Papadimitriou and Xiang (2004) and Taiebat and Dafalias (2008)

2m

6m

34.6m

Dynamic soil-structure interaction of monopiles in liquefiable sands

To finish - detailed design of monopile foundations

Using automated design procedures to deliver efficient design

'A Port' offshore wind farm

Detailed design of the first wind farm in Japanese waters to achieve design certification. Also the first offshore wind farm to be constructed in a highly seismic zone.

- 33 No. Foundations
- 4.2 MW WTGs
- 5.5m MPs with conical grouted connections

'K Port' offshore wind farm

Detailed design of the second wind farm in Japanese waters:

- 36 No. Foundations
- 5.2 MW WTGs
- 6.5m MPs with bolted flange connection

'Y Port' offshore wind farm

FEED design of the first XL monopile wind farm in Japanese waters:

- 70 No. Foundations
- 9.52 MW WTGs
- 9m MPs with bolted flange connection

